

NAVY DEMORALIZED, SAYS REAR ADMIRAL

C. S. Plunkett Tells War College Graduates That 'Rebuilding' Is Imperative.

SIMS FOR MORE TRAINING

Declares Fleet Is of Little Use Without an Efficient Personnel.

Special to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD. NEWPORT, R. I., May 22.—"The navy is not only demoralized, but I might add, almost demoralized," said Rear Admiral Charles P. Plunkett today at the graduation exercises at the Naval War College. He added: "The navy has fought facts for forty years. We have now got to rebuild the navy or the people of the United States won't get one cent on the dollar on their money invested."

Admiral Plunkett, who is based here as commander of the destroyer fleet, was only a guest at the exercises, and following the two important addresses of the day by Admiral William S. Sims, president of the college, and Rear Admiral Lloyd H. Chandler, replying for the class, he was asked to make a few remarks to the class.

The exercises were attended by a large gathering in the training station auditorium, and following the speaking Admiral Sims awarded the diplomas, assisted by Rear Admiral Ashley H. Robertson, chief of staff.

Those graduating were Rear Admiral Lloyd H. Chandler, Capt. Joel R. P. Fringie, Adolbert Albright, Robert C. McNeely, Herbert G. Spaw, William H. Reynolds, George W. Williams, John T. Tompkins, H. Cone, Frank L. Pleadwell, Albert W. Marshall, Julian L. Latimer, George C. Day, Alfred W. Hinds, Rufus Z. Johnston, Cyrus E. Miller, Estlin Kautz, Charles L. Hussey, Daniel W. Wurtsbaugh, Duncan M. Wood, Louis C. Richardson and Joseph K. Tausig; Commanders John V. Babcock, Richard Henderson, John S. Higgins, Gilbert J. Rowcliffe and Col. Robert H. C. Kelton, U. S. A.; Lieut.-Col. J. T. Buttrick, Marine Corps, Major Edward L. Kline, U. S. A., and Major Robert F. Underwood, Marine Corps.

Admiral Sims said much stress upon the necessity of having the War College

and the fleet more closely associated, stating that each needed the experience of the other.

"The object of a naval establishment," he said, "is the creation and maintenance of an efficient fleet and its auxiliary services. A fleet of the most powerful vessels would be of little use in war without a personnel at least as efficient as that of our possible enemies."

"This efficiency depends chiefly upon the thoroughness with which its officers have been trained in strategy, tactics and administration. The principal object of a War College is to provide this training. It can train but few officers each year. This training must be got into the fleet as extensively and thoroughly as possible. It cannot be successful without the practical experience continuously being developed in the fleet, for without it it would tend to become theoretical, or 'highbrow,' and might easily become dangerous. Therefore the fleet's experience must be got into the War College."

"The association between the fleet and the college cannot be intimate if carried on by correspondence or an occasional exchange of liaison officers, but only by actual personal intercourse and discussions of the teachings of the college by practical fleet men. It follows that a physical contact as much of the year as possible, and the War College should be at the very shore line of a harbor which is used extensively by the fleet as a training base during the period of general maneuvers. To place the college inland would mean largely to defeat the object of getting the training into the fleet. The severance of physical contact would be practically as complete with the college at Washington as it would at Kansas City."

CRAIG TO ASK FOR BIDS.

Comptroller Seeks Offers to Build City Court House.

Comptroller Charles L. Craig will advertise to-morrow for bids on the new city court house, originally estimated at \$7,000,000 and still to be kept near that figure by means of modifications. Plans for the building, which is to stand on the city-owned site north of the Municipal Building, were approved Friday by the Board of Estimate, which stipulated that the construction must be finished in eleven months.

Allowing an estimated three months for interior work, it is expected the new court house will be ready for use in the fall of 1921. Among recent changes in the original plans, which allowed a year and six months for completion of the work, was the decision to have the building twenty-four feet further west. Other changes have been approved in order to stay close to the original estimate despite the rise in building costs.

WILSON TO PREVENT HARD COAL STRIKE

Sends Letters to Miners and Operators Forbidding Stoppage of Industry.

SUGGESTS A COMMISSION

Would Adjust Anthracite Pay Scale in Same Manner as Bituminous Settlement.

Special to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD. WASHINGTON, May 22.—In a determined effort to forestall a strike of miners in the anthracite coal fields, which might result from a failure to reach a wage scale agreement with the coal operators, President Wilson sent letters today to the representatives of both the miners and the operators, calling on them either to get together themselves or to submit their differences to a commission named by the government.

There must be no strike during this period of reconstruction, Mr. Wilson declared. Such action, he added, not only would cause suffering in the many thousands of homes where anthracite coal is used for fuel, but might seriously cripple the transportation and manufacturing industries of the United States.

Mr. Wilson made it clear that the miners and operators, who so far, in a series of conferences in New York city, have been unable to agree on a wage scale, to be effective from April 1 last, will be expected to reach some agreement soon after their sessions reconvene in Washington next Thursday. If this is not possible he said he would like as a last resort to appoint a commission to settle the matter, similar to that which considered the bituminous coal case, which had three members, one representing the public, one the miners and one the operators.

Secretary of Labor Wilson, at the time the President's letter was made public, issued a statement in which he expressed confidence that a strike would be avoided. He said the letter of the President would be submitted to the miners at their convention, which starts at Wilkes-Barre, Pa., on Monday. Here is the President's letter:

"I have watched with more than pass-

ing interest your efforts to negotiate a new wage scale for the anthracite coal fields. The arrangement to continue work at the mines after April 1, pending the adoption of a new agreement which you entered into when the previous wage scale was about to expire, was highly commendable and filled us all with hope that a new contract would be mutually worked out and the supply of anthracite coal continued without interruption. I sincerely trust that the hope will be fully realized.

"I have, however, been advised that there is a possibility you may not come to an agreement. I am sure I need not remind you that we have not yet recovered from the economic losses incident to the war. We need the fullest productivity to our people to restore and maintain their own economic standards and to assist in the rehabilitation of Europe. A strike at any time in a great basic industry like anthracite coal mining would be a very disturbing factor in our lives and industries. To have one take place now while we are actively engaged in the problems of reconstruction would be a serious disaster.

"Anthracite is used principally in domestic consumption. Any shortage in the supply would affect a multitude of homes that have been specially equipped for the use of this kind of fuel. It would have to be supplemented by the use of substitutes, such as bituminous coal, or oil, diverting these commodities from transportation and manufacturing industries which they now supply, using more care because of the longer hauls and thereby reducing the efficiency of our transportation systems that are already burdened beyond their capacity. Such a condition must not occur if there is any way of avoiding it.

"I am not familiar with the technical problems affecting the making of your wage scale. You are. You should therefore be able to effect an agreement. If for any reason you are unable to do so I shall insist that the matters in dispute be submitted to the determination of a commission to be appointed by me, the award of the commission to be retroactive to the 1st of April, in accordance with the arrangement you have already entered into and that work be continued at the mines pending the decision of the commission. I shall hold myself in readiness to appoint a commission similarly constituted to the one which I recently appointed in connection with the bituminous coal mining industry as soon as I learn that both sides have signified their willingness to continue at work and abide by its decision."

Brownson School Commencement.

The annual commencement exercises of the Brownson School, 24 West Ninety-first street, will be held next Friday. Addresses will be made by Mr. Agar, Dr. Pallen and the Very Rev. Father Burke, Superior General of the Paulist Fathers. The Paulist Choristers will sing.

BEER-BOXING BILLS LAWS TO-MORROW

Governor Is Ready to Sign Both Measures.

Special to THE SUN and NEW YORK HERALD. ALBANY, May 22.—Gov. Smith is expected to sign the Walker boxing bill and 2.75 per cent. beer bill on Monday, the last day of the thirty day period for action on measures left in his hands by the Legislature.

"My action on both these bills will be accompanied by memorandum," the Governor said. While he has pretty well cleaned up the legislative slate, most of his time until Monday night will be taken up with his legal advisers in considering the remaining bills in his hands.

The Governor is expecting briefs on the beer and boxing proposals late today or to-morrow from both advocates and opponents. He said he had been informed that a communication was on the way from Canon William S. Chase of Brooklyn, containing an expert opinion from a food authority that all beer was deadly poison.

"I tremble to think of the people who have been facing death all these years, and many of them are good friends of mine," said the Governor.

A brief on the boxing bill will be submitted by its backers, Senator Walker, the introducer, Col. Ransom H. Gillett and Major A. J. Drezel Biddle. Its purpose is to show that the proposed statute will prevent a return to the conditions complained of under the old Frawley law.

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